

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims

What is Claimed is:

1. (Amended) ~~Hydraulic~~ A hydraulic processing tong for processing of workpieces, ~~with a first tool part (11, 32) or a first tool support, which is located on a first tong arm (8.3) and the first tool part can be advanced in relation to an opposing second tong arm (8.1), namely for closing a work area or work gap, with a hydraulic actuating device (5, 40) for applying a force exerted in the direction of the opposing second tong arm (8.1) to the first tool part (11, 32) or to an element of this tool part, characterized in that wherein~~ in addition to the hydraulic actuating device (5, 40) there is a closing drive (12, 13, 16, 35, 36, 37) for advancing the first tool part (11, 32) and ~~that~~ means are provided for coupling the first tool part (11, 32) after advancing with the hydraulic actuating device (5, 40).
2. (Amended) ~~Processing~~ The processing tong as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the first tool part or the element of the first tool part (11) is an axially movable press ram or plunger (14), which with a first end (14.3) or a tool fixed there and an opposing workpiece assembly (8.2) form the working gap and with the first end (14.3) can moved toward and away from the workpiece assembly (14.2), and that the hydraulic actuating device (5) for the working stroke can be connected by a driven linkage with the plunger or ram (14).
3. (Amended) ~~Processing~~ The processing tong as claimed in claim 2, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the workpiece assembly is formed by a second tool part (30).
4. (Amended) ~~Processing~~ The processing tong as claimed in ~~one of the foregoing claims, characterized in that~~ claim 1,

wherein at least one pressure transfer element ~~(23)~~ is provided for, which when the press ram ~~(14)~~ is advanced, produces a force-transferring connection between the actuating element ~~(5.1)~~ of the hydraulic actuating device ~~(5)~~ and a drive surface ~~(14.4)~~ of the ram ~~(14)~~ which (surface) is at an axial distance ~~form~~ from this actuating element ~~(5.1)~~.

5. (Amended) ~~Processing~~ The processing tong as claimed in ~~one of the foregoing claims, characterized in that~~ claim 1, with the closing drive ~~(12, 13, 16)~~ also the first tool part ~~(11)~~ can be moved axially between a starting position and the working position and for this purpose can move axially in an outer second tool part ~~(10)~~.
6. (Amended) ~~Processing~~ The processing tong as claimed in ~~one of the foregoing claims, characterized in that the~~ claim 1, wherein a pressure transfer element or coupling ~~(23)~~ can be moved between a starting position, in which the pressure transfer element ~~(23)~~ is located outside of the movement space of the ram ~~(14)~~ and/or of the first tool part ~~(11)~~ and a working position, in which the pressure transfer element ~~(23)~~ is located between the drive surface ~~(14.4)~~ of the ram ~~(14)~~ and the actuating element ~~(5.1)~~.
7. (Amended) ~~Processing~~ The processing tong as claimed in claim 6, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the pressure transfer element ~~(23)~~ can be moved radially to the axis of the ram ~~(14)~~ between the starting position and the working position.
8. (Amended) ~~Processing~~ The processing tong as claimed in ~~any of the foregoing claims, characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein the actuating element is a hydraulic actuating element.

9. (Amended) ~~Processing~~ The processing tong as claimed in ~~one of the foregoing claims,~~ characterized in that claim 1, wherein the actuating element is a pressure piston (5.1) of a hydraulic cylinder (5).
10. (Amended) ~~Processing~~ The processing tong as claimed in claim 8, ~~characterized in that~~ the pressure piston (5.1) is part of a slave cylinder (5) actuated by a working cylinder (4) or a working piston (4.1) located there and that the working cylinder is spatially separated from the tool (9) or the processing tong (3).
11. (Amended) ~~Processing~~ The processing tong as claimed in ~~one of the foregoing claims,~~ characterized in that claim 2, wherein the drive surface of the ram (14) is formed by a second end (14.4) of the ram (14) facing away from the first end (14.3).
12. (Amended) ~~Processing~~ The processing tong as claimed in ~~one of the foregoing claims,~~ characterized in that claim 2, wherein the ram (14) can be moved axially, with its first end (14.3) or with a ram section (14.2) possessing this end, in a jointing channel (15) formed in the first tool part (11).
13. (Amended) ~~Processing~~ The processing tong as claimed in ~~one of the foregoing claims,~~ characterized in that claim 1, wherein the first tool part (11) forms a ring-shaped support or hold-down surface enclosing one opening of the jointing channel (15).
14. (Amended) ~~Processing~~ The processing tong as claimed in ~~one of the foregoing claims,~~ characterized in that the claim 1, wherein a closing drive has a piston-cylinder unit between the ram (14) and the first tool part (11).

15. (Amended) ~~Processing~~ The processing tong as claimed in claim 13, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the piston-cylinder unit is a pneumatic piston-cylinder unit.
16. (Amended) ~~Processing~~ The processing tong as claimed in claim 13 ~~or 14, characterized in that~~ wherein the piston-cylinder unit is a double-acting unit.
17. (Amended) ~~Processing~~ The processing tong as claimed in ~~one of the claims 13-15, characterized in that~~ claim 12, wherein the piston-cylinder unit consists of a piston ~~(13)~~ located on the ram ~~(14)~~, ~~which (piston)~~ the piston can be moved axially in a cylinder ~~chamder~~ ~~(12)~~ chamber formed in the first tool part ~~(11)~~.
18. (Amended) ~~Processing~~ The processing tong as claimed ~~in one of the foregoing claims, characterized in that~~ the claim 1, wherein a closing drive has a further drive element ~~(16)~~ working between the first tool part ~~(11)~~ and the second tool part ~~(10)~~ or a holder ~~(8)~~.
19. (Amended) ~~Processing~~ The processing tong as claimed in claim 13, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the further drive element ~~(16)~~ is a cylinder, ~~for example~~ a pneumatic cylinder or a linkage.
20. (Amended) ~~Processing~~ The processing tong as claimed in ~~one of the foregoing claims, characterized in that~~ the claim 1, wherein a force transfer element or coupling element is a block ~~(23)~~ that can be inserted in a space between the hydraulic actuating device ~~(5)~~ or its actuating element ~~(5.1)~~ and the drive surface ~~(14.4)~~.
21. (Amended) ~~Processing~~ The processing tong as claimed in ~~one of the foregoing claims, characterized in that~~ claim 1,

wherein the piston ~~(4.1)~~ of the working cylinder ~~(4)~~ can be actuated by means of a motorized drive, ~~for example or~~ by means of a motor-driven spindle.

22. (Amended) ~~Processing~~ The processing tong as claimed in ~~one of the foregoing claims, characterized in that~~ claim 1, ~~wherein~~ the piston ~~(4.1)~~ of the working cylinder ~~(4)~~ ~~can be~~ is actuated pneumatically.
23. (Amended) ~~Processing~~ The processing tong as claimed in ~~one of the foregoing claims, characterized in that~~ claim 1, ~~wherein~~ the actuating element ~~(40)~~ ~~can be~~ is moved between a starting position, in which the actuating element ~~(40)~~ is located to the side of the axis of the die ~~(31)~~ and a working position, in which the actuating element ~~(40)~~ is located on one axis with the die ~~(31)~~.
24. (Amended) ~~Processing~~ The processing tong as claimed in claim 22, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the actuating element ~~(40)~~ ~~can be~~ is moved radially to the axis of the ram ~~(31)~~ or radially to the axis of the closing movement between the starting position and the working position.
25. (Amended) ~~Processing~~ The processing tong as claimed in claim 23, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the actuating element ~~(40)~~ ~~can be~~ is moved in a guide ~~(38)~~ or on a tong arm ~~(8.3)~~.
26. (Amended) ~~Processing~~ The processing tong as claimed in ~~one of the foregoing claims, characterized in that~~ the claim 1, ~~wherein a press ram or the die (31) can be~~ is moved axially by means of an auxiliary drive ~~(37)~~ for the closing movement.
27. (Amended) ~~Processing~~ The processing tong as claimed in claim 25, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the auxiliary drive ~~(37)~~ is linked by means of a gearwheel drive with the press ram ~~(14)~~ or the die ~~(31)~~.

28. (Amended) ~~Processing~~ The processing tong as claimed in ~~one~~
~~of the foregoing claims, characterized in that~~ claim 1,
wherein the actuating element is an electric motor-driven or
pneumatic drive.

29. (Amended) ~~Processing~~ The processing tong as claimed in ~~one~~
~~of the foregoing claims, characterized in that~~ claim 1,
wherein the actuating element is a toggle joint drive.